GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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REPLACEMENT OF IAS OFFICERS IN ASI
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of IAS officers working in ASI in the country;

(b) whether the Government propose to replace the IAS officers presently manning various key posts in the Archaeological Survey of India by professional Archaeologists; and (

(c) if so, the time by which the whole exercise is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a), (b) & (c) In the Archaeological Survey of India, Director General and Additional Director General (Administration) are the two posts which are held by IAS officers. At present only the post of Director General, is held by an IAS officer. The other post of Additional Director General (Administration) is vacant.

The post of Director General has been headed by IAS officers since 10.09.1996 as the Union Public Service Commission could not select a suitable candidate as per the extant Recruitment Rules. The Recruitment Rules have since been amended and sent to press for Notification. The post of Director General will be filled up with a professional Archaeologist when an eligible person is available as per the criteria prescribed. The post of Additional Director General (Administration) is proposed to be filled up through the Central Staffing Scheme.